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Dear Sirs:

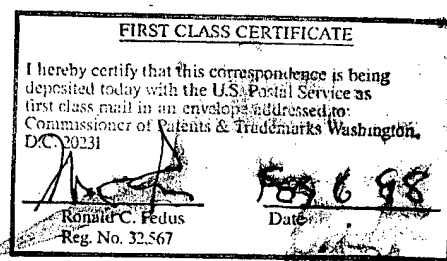
This Communication follows and is directed to Applicants' filings on February 5, 1998 in connection with the above-identified application. Those filings consisted of:

- 1) Request For an Extension Of Time (Three Months) Under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a);
- 2) a Response Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 And Request Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) For Withdrawal Of the Finality Of The August 5, 1997 Office Action; and
- 3) a Request Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) For Withdrawal Of the Finality Of The August 5, 1997 Office Action.

From previous experience the undersigned attorney understands that the Rule 1.129(a) Request is usually granted for applications such as the present application filed before June 1995. Accordingly, any Notice of Appeal is not processed as a result of the of the finality of any outstanding Office Action having been withdrawn. In light of

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the foregoing, no Notice of Appeal was filed with Applicants' February 5, 1998
response.

No fee is believed due in connection with this Communication. If a fee is due,
however, the U.S. Patent and Trademark office is hereby authorized to charge any such
fees against Deposit Account No. 05-1135, or to credit any overpayment thereto.

Should it be deemed helpful or necessary, the undersigned may be contacted by
telephone at (212) 583-0100 during business hours to discuss this Communication.

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